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Haliburton to get a new doctor

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's chronic doctor shortage just received a shot in the arm now that a new family physician has been

secured.

Dr. Michael Armstrong is slated to start July 1 and represents a welcome relief for those who have long gone without a family practitioner.

"This is huge because he'll be

able to take on more patients," says Cheryl Kennedy, office administrator for the Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

Dr. Armstrong hails from Cobourg but has been affiliated with Haliburton County for sev-

eral years. He is a former doctor-in-residence at the medical centre and once served a locum (a doctor who temporarily fills in) during a summer a few years ago. Since then, while working a practice in Cobourg, he has

maintained ties to the area by working one or two days a month in the emergency room at the local hospitals.

"Every time he came up we would try to convince him to

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Local fire base survives cuts, gets more staff

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Cost-cutting measures at the Ministry of Natural Resources are turning out to be good news for Haliburton.

Not only has the province spared the Haliburton Fire Base but it's moving the crews from Parry Sound and Owen Sound to the shores of Head Lake.

With the closure of the fire bases in Owen Sound and Parry Sound, the number of three-man fire crews in Haliburton goes from seven to 10. The Haliburton base will also get another fire management technician.

The changes leave two fire bases responsible for the area south of the French River to Trenton, over to Pickering in the west and Pembroke in the east. The other base is in Pembroke.

Dave Brown, fire management supervisor for the MNR's eastern region, which is based in Haliburton, says people in Parry Sound and Owen Sound were upset by the loss of their bases. He says, however, that response times will not be severely affected by the closure of the bases.

As he's done with the municipalities within his old jurisdiction, he will meet with the

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Houston, we have lift off

Chanse Grainger flies through the air with the greatest of ease at the Jib Off at Sir Sam's ski hill Saturday. The contest tested boarders' skills on rails, boxes and jumps. Meanwhile, for the first time in the school's history, the HHSS boys' snowboarding team came first in Ontario. See pages 14, 19.

College strike a 'breach of contract'

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Ryan Rogers sees the college teachers' strike in terms of building a house - something he's supposed to be learning how to do right now.

A property owner - the student - signs a contract with the builder - the college. Money changes hands and the work begins. The foundation is laid, one wall goes up and all of a sudden, the workers say they're not happy with how much money they're earning. They won't go back to work until they're paid more.

To Rogers, this is a broken contract and the home owner shouldn't be held responsible.

"It's not fair," he says. "These people chose their profession and said they want to be teachers. Now they're saying they don't like it. Too bad. Get over it. Things don't work out the way you like a lot of time."

Since Rogers got a subsidy to pay for his eight-week carpenters pre-apprentice program at Fleming College in Haliburton, he's not overly concerned about how the strike will affect him financially. "If I was in a two-year or three-year program, though, this would infuriate me."

He does worry a bit, however, about how the strike will affect his work placement

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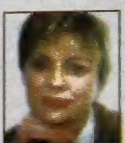
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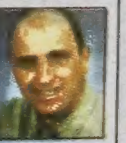
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A first skate

Rachael Churko, 7, above, of Eagle Lake needed a little help learning the ropes as she tried skating for the first time during public skating at the Dysart Community Centre Friday.

Ian Griffin, 5, left, of West Guilford pretends to pout while his sister stands behind the bench door. Mom Rochelle says the family will likely return to the arena this week, where public skating is offered daily starting at 2 p.m.. "I need to run off some steam," she said, "somewhere besides the living room."

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Friends of Frost in the game, but game may be in jeopardy

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

It's a wait-and-see game for Friends of the Frost Centre now that it has formally submitted its preliminary proposal to the government concerning the future operation of the Leslie M. Frost Centre and its 39-acre property.

"It's outstanding," says Max Radiff, president of Friends of the Frost Centre, about the 104-page submission. "The government is going to be hard-pressed to turn us down if they really are interested in opening it as an environmental education centre."

The submission completes the first of a two-fold process that is being governed by the Ontario Realty Corporation. Tenders like the one submitted by The Friends are part of the RFQ stage - Expression of Interest and Request for Qualifications. The government identifies suitable candidates and

judges their overall credentials. Those who are short-listed will be invited to answer a Request for Proposal, where applicants will have to provide a detailed business plan.

In The Friends' RFQ submission, the group projects that it can break even and start turning a profit after two years of operation.

"We base that on projections from real numbers," says Radiff. "However, we only had six weeks to do this, so they are very long projections based on a small-bit of information we were able to get in a short time. But we think it's eminently doable. They predict elections on less."

The non-profit group retained Maddock Consulting for financial analysis, made

possible by a recent David Suzuki fundraiser that raised nearly \$12,000.

The Friends also had the advantage of having board member Barrie Martin, a former program director for the Frost Centre, who contacted many former clients of the centre to come up with a figure for potential future revenue. A private school in St. Catharines has also expressed interest in renting a part of the building on a regular basis for educational purposes.

The Friends was hoping to hear an answer from the province within the week but may have to wait a little longer if reports of delays are true.

Eleanor Harrison, Algonquin Highlands Reeve, says

the ORC has a total of four candidates in the running. (Eight registered for the process but half dropped out).

All the candidates reportedly need the government to invest in infrastructure and capital upgrades such as the sewage and water system in order to make the centre "turnkey ready".

Before the ORC goes ahead with the RFP process and candidates pursue the considerable consulting costs of forming a business plan, it intends on checking with the province to see whether the will to provide start up money exists at all.

If it doesn't, the whole process could be aborted. In this scenario, the government may very well resort to a secondary option as recommend-

ed by the Frost Centre Working Committee last year, to tear the whole thing down and plant trees. Radiff believes this would give the government a safe way out of the issue.

"They could say it was a local solution," says Radiff. "And it would be a local solution because it was designed by the working committee. Everything depends on if the government wants to invest in environmental sustainability."

The ORC's move to gauge the government's financial commitment will delay the process by weeks, if not months. Originally, it was expected that the shortlist for RFP candidates would be announced in mid-March.

Too many snow days lead to cancellation of early days

Senior officials at Trillium Lakelands District School Board have decided to cancel the twice-yearly Early Dismissal Days (ED days) for students.

This school year has seen a high number of bus cancellations due to weather and it is felt that students need more instructional time.

The board participated in the October 26, 2005 ED days but is cancelling the scheduled ED day on April 5.

The Early Dismissal Days were introduced in the 2004-2005 school year. Although these days were requested by administration to assist staff in obtaining much-needed professional development time, parents within the community were not wholly supportive of the concept.

"At this time, we feel that ample professional opportunities have been made available to staff throughout the year so the cancelling of ED days will not have a large effect on the system," says Director of Education, Kathy Verduyn.

A recent announcement from the Ministry of Education has indicated that upcoming school year calendars could include at least two more professional development days.

The TLDSB 2006-2007 school calendar does not include any early dismissal days.

An Olympic welcome

George Cooper, who grew up in West Guilford, had the honour of piping in Russ Howard and the rest of the Canadian men's Olympic hockey team when they arrived, with their gold medals, at the Moncton airport. on Friday.



CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Steve Tripp helps Gord Bourgeois put chains on his sand truck after he had a hard time getting down the hill on Riverside Drive in Haliburton Thursday. The roads were so slippery a plow truck with chains slid backwards down a steep hill on Jones Road, coming to rest against a parked van that couldn't get up the hill itself. No one was hurt. "People can't get safely from their house to their cars," said roads superintendent Brian Nicholson, "but they think they can drive their cars in those conditions. Wait for the sander to go by, or for road conditions to improve before you try."



Rebecca Herman, a nurse from Toronto working at the medical centre, reads in the safety of her truck after realizing it wouldn't safely make it down the hill on Riverside Drive in Haliburton. "I'm glad I brought my book," Herman said. "I'd walk, but I'm seven months pregnant."



John Mitchell of Haliburton struggles to get back to his truck after testing the road conditions on foot. He waited about two hours for a sand truck to pass before feeling confident enough to drive down the hill. "Can't control the weather," he said. "You wouldn't want to live anywhere else, so it's a beautiful tradeoff to live in Haliburton."

Give us more money, wardens tell province

In its first-ever pre-budget submission to the Minister of Finance, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus called on the province to ease the impact of a fast-rising property tax burden on ratepayers. "The challenges faced by Eastern Ontario require the direct assistance of

the province," said Robert Sweet, EOWC chair and warden of Renfrew County. EOWC represents 13 largely rural upper-tier and single-tier municipalities in Eastern Ontario, including Haliburton County. The submission urges the province to

take urgent action in the upcoming provincial budget in four specific areas:

- A payment-in-lieu program to reimburse the region for providing municipal services for Crown lands, which generate substantial revenues for the province from land use permits, park usage fees, timber cutting rights and other sources, including stumpage fees that annually generate for more than \$100 million – but which return no property tax revenues to the region. "It's time for this free ride to end," the Caucus noted.

- The reduction of the rate of education taxes on commercial and industrial properties because the high rates imposed by the previous provincial government unfairly force businesses in Eastern Ontario to pay significantly more than other Ontario counties.

EOWC figures show that for some businesses, the rate is almost triple what would be required elsewhere in the province. The higher rates translate into millions of extra dollars paid by businesses located in EOWC counties.

- The creation of an Eastern Ontario Economic Prosperity Fund, with at least \$20 million allocated annually to improving the economy of Eastern Ontario, a region blessed with abundant natural resources and people with great entrepreneurial bent – but also saddled with a modest population and low tax base spread over a large geographic area, pushing many costs too high for property tax revenues.

- In order to help maintain roads and bridges, a share of provincial gas tax revenues, on the same basis on which Ontario provides support to the transit systems of urban municipalities. Because of its low population density, Eastern Ontario was harder hit than most regions when the previous government downloaded this financial burden in the mid-1990s.

"Haliburton County is particularly supportive of these four proposals, says Warden Murray Fearrey. "We have more than 521,600 acres of Crown land in the county that provide minimal payment towards the cost of local and county services such as fire, roads, ambulance or policing. We need the province to recognize this inequity and help us defray the high costs of those services. It would mean much-needed revenues for us and help reduce the burden on our property taxpayers."

Warden Fearrey noted that "We are encouraged by the Premier's commitment to assessing the fundamental problems created by loading social service and health costs onto the property tax system, and acknowledge that time will be required to fix the system. However, the proposals we make in this submission are, and should be, achievable today. In each of the four noted areas, only provincial action can bring about real change; the urgency for support in your upcoming budget is real."

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Chamber makes its own mark

Robert Van Nood designs a new logo

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Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has unveiled its new logo, an eloquent and well-crafted design



that will attempt to give the chamber a new direction and identity. Designed by Robert Van Nood Creative, the logo consists of four diamonds, three of which are imbued with green and one with the colour blue. The colours reflect the lakes and trees that dominate the county's landscapes.

Centred in the middle of the diamonds is a person with outstretched arms, which almost resembles a blooming flower. The four diamonds – which together form one larger diamond – represent success as well as the four municipalities contained within the greater county. Van Nood also says it represents the four main sectors of the economy: forestry, tourism, professions and trades, and the arts and services.

"The chamber is so excited



Robert Van Nood, working in his West Guilford studio, designed a new logo for the Chamber of Commerce. He hopes it will be embraced by the business community as a symbol it can rally around.

about the new logo," says Charlene English, administrative co-ordinator with the Chamber of Commerce. "We can hardly wait to get the new logo in place and printed on our material."

The logo is meant to encapsulate characteristics such as wealth, energy, momentum, and growth.

Van Nood, who lives in West Guilford, was first approached by the chamber about a year ago and was finally given the official green light to proceed with his proposals at Christmas. A total of three of Van Nood's

designs were submitted, which were all subject to a democratic vote from chamber members. The winning design slightly edged out another logo that contained four blue waves streaking across what looked like a golden coin or sun. A third design was more nature-oriented, displaying trees and water.

Van Nood was happy the chamber avoided the cliché of nature images, which he views as a "by-product" of the area, and to instead focus on the businesses and people that make up the chamber.

Van Nood is also responsible for the brand images of the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council, and the Gravenhurst Opera House. Part of what makes a brand image works, he says, is to give the design meaning as well as visual appeal.

"Aesthetics is important but it needs a rationale," explains Van Nood. "It has to bring the consumer into the domain of recognizing something. That's why companies spend billions of dollars each year developing brand images for themselves."

The key to making the logo

work, says Van Nood, will be the amount of energy it puts toward its promotion.

"My hope is that it will be embraced by the businesses in the county and that they will recognize a brand image is extremely important towards the collectiveness and wholeness of the area."

Previously, the chamber used the county's logo as its own. Now that the county has assumed responsibility for tourism marketing, Van Nood says it was an appropriate time for the chamber to forge its own distinct personality.

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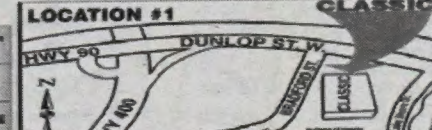
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editorial

martha perkins

away in the freezer isn't very effective. It may earn you a year's grace but the problem will return with a vengeance.

Property was not re-assessed last year to give taxpayers a break. As a result, the average assessment increase this year in Haliburton County is close to 50 per cent for waterfront owners. Lots of good the freeze did them.

College tuitions were making it hard for many students to afford a post-secondary education. They were capped, for a while, but now that the cap is off, students are facing a five per cent increase. If they couldn't afford the increase when the cap was put on, who says they can afford to pay catch-up now?

Compounding the bad news about the tuition increase is the current strike by college faculty. They are fighting for increased salaries and smaller class sizes. If they get their wish, the maximum salary for a college teacher will become \$94,000 and more teachers will have to be hired. College administrators respect and admire their teachers, but say that if the union gets its way, more than \$200 million a year will be added to the cost of running the system. Since it's unlikely the province will pick up the tab, chances are that if the unions are successful the costs will be passed down to the students. They are the ones who can least afford it.

As many of the students profiled in this week's *Echo* and *Times* have pointed out, college courses tend to be work-oriented. A prolonged strike, therefore, is not only adding costs to students by making them stay in school longer, but it is also delaying their entry, or re-entry, into the workforce. The students need their education to earn a living – and it's unlikely any of them will be earning anything close to \$94,000 a year for a long time to come. To add to the injury, they also won't be the ones who benefit from smaller class sizes even though they're the ones paying the price.

The students are justified in feeling like pawns. It's not surprising that this strike isn't happening in the summer because the teachers know that without the threat of students losing their semesters they don't have much of an emotional advantage during negotiations. College teachers have their unions to protect them but there's no one to stand up for the students except students themselves. They should be contacting their MPPs, urging them to hasten negotiations so the strike can come to a quick end.

If this strike does go on beyond two weeks, putting economic hardships on students, the provincial government had better not be smiling when it announces it has a budget surplus. That surplus comes from taxpayers, many of whom are parents of existing and future college students or employers who rely on the training our colleges supply.

If there's a surplus, then we're either being taxed too much or the province isn't doing its job.

year. And, if you're lucky, you won't be around the next spring when the freeze comes off.

As a way of dealing with the uncomfortable realities of life, hiding a problem



Skate break

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Facts of life

The other day my boy approached me and asked one of those questions that every father fears.

"Dad," he began, "is it okay to fish with worms? Because there's this kid at school who does."

It was, of course, one of those complex queries that every angling father must face sooner or later. Fortunately, I had anticipated this day so I reached into my filing cabinet and pulled out the prepared statement complete with bar graphs and pie charts.

"Well, son," I replied, referring to the talking points on page one, "yes, it's okay to fish with worms."

"Really? Okay?"

"Yes," I grudgingly admitted.

"It wouldn't have been 10 years ago, but since then we've had to acknowledge that worm

dunkers are people, too, with rights just like you and me. I blame it on the liberals."

Darn it, I thought. There was a time when no one spoke of using worms to fish. Sure, it was done, and done a lot, too, but people kept quiet about it. Heck, there were pillars of the community who "were on the other side" and no one treated them much different either. We just didn't invite them to fish our favourite trout waters or enter derbies. Everyone knew about their midnight flashlight romps on a wet front lawn.

"What's wrong with worms?" the boy asked.

"Well, for one thing, they work!" I snapped. Then I took a few deep breaths and reminded myself that I was showing my prejudice.

"Works?" my boy said. "As in catches fish?"

"Hold it! There's a price."

"Price?"

"Son," I started, "worms are cheap. You can get them yourself at any roadside rest stop or buy them from hundreds of 'proprietors.' But if you fish with them long enough

the woman in your life will notice. And she'll also notice that she's cooking more fish, too..."

I paused for effect.

"So?" he asked with the innocence of youth.

"So nothing," I answered. "Next thing you know she'll be scrutinizing every tackle purchase you make. She'll ask why

you are buying a \$10 lure when you could just pick worms from the garden. She'll even tell people you use them! She won't do it maliciously, but she'll do it nonetheless."

My boy recoiled in horror. "Suddenly you're known as a worm dunker!"

I reached for a nearby tackle box and opened it up, just for added impact.

"And all these lures would be rendered useless."

He clenched his fists.

"Boy," I continued, patting him on the back, "one day you might be fishing a little section of river with a hand-tied dry fly or a carefully weighted nymph, and have very little to show for it. Suddenly, some guy with a worm and a bobber comes along and starts pulling them out like he was an apostle on the right side of the boat. There's no skill involved. He's using a close-faced reel for God's sake! Meanwhile you've spent all spring tying flies, tapering leaders, perfecting your casts, reading water, and learning aquatic biology. Do you know what that does to a man?"

"Should I beat up that kid at school?" he snapped.

"No son, he can't help what he is. Heck, he's got a hard enough road ahead of him."

My son walked away and I must say I felt a bit relieved that we had that little chat.

When no one was looking, I gave my tackle box a big hug. Then I opened it up and tucked my worm harness rigs, bait hooks, and bobbers just a little deeper. Call me old-fashioned, but there are some things that a man should just keep quiet about.

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Kids and food

WITH GREAT DELIBERATION, Sarah was tracing the chocolate pudding round and round her highchair tray. Her lips were pursed and her usually milk-smooth brow was furrowed in concentration as her pudgy fingers, stiffly splayed, pushed the glutinous brown-coloured substance into dark circles. It was a highly sensuous experience. Years later, she would take almost equal delight in letting her perfect pink tongue tease out the silky coolness of ice-cream from a waffle cone. Such are the joys of food for children.



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Margaret was thinking of food and her daughter Sarah now as she watched grandson Jake determinedly dragging the kitchen chair over to the counter. He was going to help his grandmother make pancakes for breakfast. Sleepovers at nanna's were notable for many things, not least of which was meal preparations. Since a very young age Jake had participated in whatever way he could. In fact Margaret had a picture of Jake resting in a "snuggie" on Sarah's hip, his tiny hand

engulfed in hers as the two of them stirred a vegetable stir-fry. Jake's head, about the size of a grapefruit, is turned away from the camera, his gaze fixed downward on the cooking food. Sarah's face is angled in such a way that she is both smiling tentatively toward the camera while meanwhile trying to keep one eye on Jake, the cook.

At the ripe old age of four, Jake has decided when he grows up he wants to be a chef and a fireman. The child loves food. He likes to eat it but also to plant, pick and prepare it for the table. Table setting is sensational, washing up is wondrous, pouring is perfection, stirring – stupendous but most of all, eating is ecstatic. He likes Cajun catfish, tofu and chocolate cake. Macaroni and cheese ranks next to chicken and mashed potatoes but his current all-time favourite food is shrimp and Swiss chard. The child is versatile.

In helping nanna make pancakes, his tasks include carefully tapping the pancake mix into a measuring cup, dumping it into the bowl and adding the liquid already set aside in another cup. He works methodically, using both hands, under the close supervision of Margaret who is standing beside him at the counter. Then comes his favourite part, mixing with the big wooden spoon. Jake looks forward to the day he can pour the batter onto the hot frying pan. The chair has been pulled to the stove, the same one in the photo of him and his mom taken over three years ago. For now, he contents himself with watching the pancakes bubble up as they cook and then admires his nanna's quick wrist action as she flips them one by one.

In a few minutes the warm buttered pancakes will be arranged on his plate under a scattering of blueberries. Dusky maple syrup, courtesy of Margaret's neighbour, will pool onto the plate and Jake will close his eyes in pleasure with the first biteful. Eating with him, Margaret finds her own enjoyment of the meal is heightened.

Two years previously, when Jake had neither the steady hands nor strength to pour and mix food, he had a chair pulled over to the kitchen sink. There, with one of Margaret's aprons twice circling his mid-section down to the ankles, he had stood beside his grandmother helping her wash the dishes. Margaret would set aside enough time for this unhurried, almost contemplative activity. They both looked forward to it. It was here that Jake began to develop the skills he would later employ in food preparation.

Slowly and patiently, he repeatedly filled cups and small bowls with soapy water, either poured or scooped from the sink. The bubbles were delightfully soft and seemed to have a life of their own as they squished between his small fingers or danced away when he blew on them. He learned there was more to food than eating and that all the stages were enjoyable.

Come summer, they will go camping together: Margaret, Sarah and Jake. They will eat toast and eggs and brown beans cooked on a camp stove. Whether sitting around a wooden picnic table or balancing unbreakable plates on their knees, they will all enjoy the taste of plain, wholesome food cooked outdoors with the seasonings of fresh air and hunger. It will make for a meal that will live in their memories for years to come.

Breakfast over, it is time to clean up and then off they will go to the grocery store. Today Jake is staying for lunch, then returning home to Sarah and so they discuss their lunch menu before shopping. Not surprisingly, Jake requests grilled cheese sandwiches and yogurt for dessert. Margaret knows they will have to deliberate carefully when it comes time to select the type of cheese – orange or white, and yogurt – cherry or strawberry. And despite munching on free cookies proffered at two grocery stores and a bakery, Jake's appetite will be as robust as usual when he sits down to lunch.

But despite his growing maturity and epicurean sophistication, he will not be able to resist the temptation to spread the ketchup round and round his plate with one corner of his grilled cheese sandwich. At least, thinks Margaret, as she places the food before him, it's not brown and he doesn't use his fingers. That is, not usually.



pic of the past

THIS PHOTO was taken on the homestead of Free Grant settler Henry Bowhey and Frances Lowrey, Lot 11 Cons 5 Snowdon Twp-Lower Dutch Line, just prior to 1920 or in the early 1920s. The young men in the picture were enjoying the day skating on the river. It must have been a Sunday as a couple of them are wearing white shirts and ties. Front row, from left John Carl Schrader, born 1901, Ernest Lloyd Schrader born 1899, (brothers and grandsons of Henry and Frances Bowhey) and Gordon Ruttle wearing a toque. Back row left: Archie Schrader, born 1898 Lower Dutch Line, and Raymond Geeza, born 1885, Snowdon Twp Lower Dutch Line. This picture is courtesy of Dorothy(Schrader) Milburn, youngest sister of Archie Schrader.

letters to the editor

This golden goose is getting tired

To the Editor:

I commend you for a very thought provoking editorial in the *Echo* of February 21st. It would truly be wonderful if we could all eliminate our debts by foisting them off on others. The county councillors (God bless them) have decided how opportune it would be to have our lakeshore property owners pay off our hospital debt while at the same time allowing other property owners to benefit from it while at the same time enjoying a lowering of their taxes. I'm sure, if asked, they would insist that while they know that's unfair, under the present provincial structure there's little they can do about it.

However, in a letter I recently received from our provincial treasurer, Dwight Duncan, in answer

to a letter I had sent him complaining about the unfairness of the present market value assessment system as it applied to lakeshore property owners, he assured me, and I quote: "municipalities may also utilize options such as area rating or user fees to more closely align the cost of services to properties benefiting from those services". (The underlining of area rating was my doing).

Since our townships already use a similar system to classify farm land and forest lands in special tax categories they could also treat lakeshore properties as per Mr. Duncan's suggestion above. But don't hold your breath – they have discovered they "have the goose that laid the golden egg".

Art Wall,
Maple Lake

Praise for hospice

To the Editor:

Re: Jutta Dombrowsky and hospice program.

Keep up the good stories about the good work being done in the community. Linda May-Powers has been such a positive force in helping people understand and cope with their loss. She too needs a great big hug from the community and all those people she has hugged. Her warmth and understanding are special gifts. She should be thanked for everything she has done for others and for all her good work at SIRCH.

Judith Hayes
Lindsay

Curlers build a house with community help

To the Editor:

With the continued support of the community, the Haliburton Curling Club will be able to expand its facilities and make the club a place everyone can be proud of. The recent Build The House bonspiel, organized superbly by Bob MacNaull and Chester Howse, is proof of what can be achieved when we all pull together.

Bruce Martin,
Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



New medical centre a factor in doctor's decision

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join the practice, because he does like it here so much, but his family is in Cobourg and he wanted to give back to his own community," says Kennedy.

Dr. Armstrong, 37, will move here with his wife Darlene, who is a nurse.

The two already have a cottage in the area and are avid Nordic skiers and cyclists.

"Moving to Haliburton was in fact a no-brainer, made even more attractive recently with the presence of a beautiful new clinic and the establishment of a FHT (Family Health Team)," Dr.

Armstrong wrote in an e-mail to *The Echo*.

The new doctor will take up his practice in Haliburton's new \$2.5 million medical clinic on County Road 1, which is set to open in early May.

The acquisition of Dr. Armstrong is also welcome news to Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who campaigned on a promise to improve the community's medical resources and who advocated providing the facility rent-free for physicians.

"It's attractive to move into an up-to-date facility with hardly any overhead," says Fearrey. "It's not what other communities are offering but it's pretty good for a smaller rural community."

Other key enticements were that Dr. Armstrong could receive a salary instead of fee-for-service and, as he mentioned,

be part of the Family Health Team that will give him the support of other medical professionals such as a nurse practitioner.

One of the challenges for Dr. Armstrong will be how to handle the flood of patients who undoubtedly will want to be part of his roster. Many have been on waiting lists for several years or have been orphaned by doctors who have left the county. The problem is that not everyone can be accommodated, and Kennedy is frank when asked who will get selected.

"We don't know yet," says Kennedy. "It's up to Dr. Armstrong, basically."

In the meantime, people can call the clinic at 457-1212 and have their contact information registered via a voice mailbox set up for prospective patients.

Centrality of Stanhope Airport is a plus for Haliburton fire base

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seven municipal councils in the new areas to set up response agreements with local fire departments. Local fire departments will respond to smaller fires that are more accessible, while the MNR's crews will respond to larger fires or those that are deeper into the bush.

The trend in the last few years has been to respond to these remote fires with the use of helicopters. Those helicopters are based at the Stanhope Airport which is 15 minutes from the Haliburton fire base.

Haliburton, and the Stanhope Airport, are central to the entire area.

Firefighters at the two bases which are being closed can either move to the Haliburton area or find seasonal accommodation during the fire season, which

usually runs from April 1 to September. It will be their choice. Since one of the firefighters lives in Minden and another two are only an hour away, Brown says that not all the firefighters are upset by the news.

Firefighters are already accustomed to spending much of the fire season away from home, he adds. Last year the crews were working away from this area for approximately 50 days.

At the Haliburton base, work is underway to make room for the additional crews. The old garage attached to the main office is being renovated into offices for the 10 crew leaders while the former manager's house is being renovated to make more space for the crews. (None of the firefighters live on site.)

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Jewellery student Erin Clarke tried to take her mind off the strike by working in the studio at the Haliburton campus, which will remain open during the strike.

Students say they can't afford a long strike

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which is due to start after the program ends. Will his employer be able to cope with a late start date?

As well, since all of his teachers are in the construction business, an extended strike might affect their own ability to finish the term. They might have other commitments. "Basically they all got laid off," Rogers says.

Money is a concern for Valerie Sutcliffe. She's in the second semester of a one-year veterinary assistant course. As she understands it, if the strike lasts more than a couple of weeks, she'll be reimbursed for some of her tuition but – and it's a big but – she won't be able to resume her studies until next January.

"I am not too impressed [with the strike]," she says, home in Haliburton for the unexpected break. Not only does she risk losing the opportunity to start earning money in her chosen profession, but she's also paying money for residence during the strike. That's money she won't get back.

Rogers says, "It seems like [the union] is using the student population to make a point. The students are the leverage. [The contract dispute] is not the students' fault. They don't pay to be a whipping boy for the teachers.

"They've got to think that they're not only going on strike for what they want but they're also screwing all of these students."

If the teachers felt a strike was necessary but didn't want it to harm the students, he says they should have gone on strike during the summer break.

At Fleming College in Haliburton there is only one full-time faculty member in the union so there haven't been

any picket lines for students or the bulk of staff members to cross. The other teachers, who are on contract for designated periods of time, have been asked not to enter the building.

Fleming College decided, before the strike, that classes would not continue at any of its campuses should there be a strike. Loyalist College in Belleville, on the other hand, has kept its Bancroft campus open because its programs are taught by part-time teachers who aren't part of the union.

The Haliburton campus remains open, however, and students are free to use the studios or computer room to work on assignments.

Most students say they can cope with a one-week strike but anything beyond two weeks will be a tough financial burden. One of the jewellery students, Colm Magner, has distributed a letter to students and college administration.

"A lot of people are from out of town so it would be very difficult for them to return [if the strike lasts a long time]," he writes. "If the strike continues more than a week or two at most, I know many of us will be unable to finish our chosen programs. I think it is only fair, therefore that if this scenario arises, Fleming College offer its students some kind of mutually agreeable financial compensation."

In a press release, Fleming College president Tony Tilly says, "We are disappointed that an agreement has not been reached. We regret that the school year will be disrupted as all classes must be cancelled for the duration of the strike. However, I am hopeful that both sides will quickly return to the bargaining table to minimize the impact on our students."

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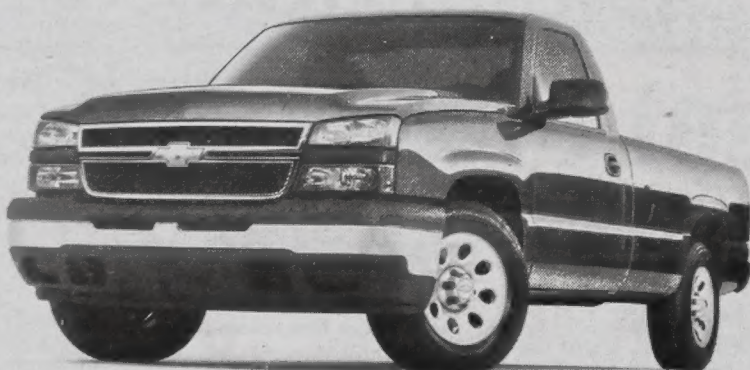
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Old photos provide a glimpse of Gooderham's rich history

SHERYL LOUCKS

Special to The Echo

A silent family reunion became an event that drew several people out to the Gooderham Community Centre recently despite the snowy roads.

The faces of several generations of Ron Barr's family, stretching back to the late 1800s, greeted visitors from their places at a circle of tables. One can only imagine the stories they would tell if all the faces in Barr's stunning collection of photographs could talk. The pictures, which primarily feature members of his family, also capture every major building and community event in Gooderham for more than 100 years.

Barr has inherited a family interest in photography and agreed, at the prompting of the Gooderham Action Committee, to display his family's vast collection of pictures and memorabilia at the Community Centre.

Elva Bates, who is writing a local history, entitled *A*

SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO



Ron Barr, far right, talks to Al Bagg as they share a laugh about the good ol' days in Gooderham, during an exhibit of Barr's historical photographic collection. Behind them Elva Bates talks to Bev Kraulis.

Journey Through Glamorgan's Past, says it is unfortunate that bad weather kept so many people away from such an incredible opportunity to look at the collection.

Barr's great-grandfather built the Irondale store and his grandfather built the general store in Gooderham, which Barr once operated and still owns. Several members of his family, including Barr, were licensed undertakers.

He says he was cleaning out a storage room at the store in Gooderham when he came across a very old packing crate with a "RUSH immediate delivery" sticker on it. When he popped open the crate he found a beautiful and ornate small coffin that was never used.

He brought the coffin along with other interesting memorabilia from the store to Saturday's event. His family also has the Gooderham sign that once hung on the railway station, banners and regalia from the now gone Orange Lodge LoL No11, an old wooden pump that used to be inserted into barrels of vinegar, the general store account books and paintings of local history.

"I was the last master of the lodge. We were hoping to preserve the building but discovered the sawdust between the walls had got wet and it was rotting," Barr explained pointing to a picture of the building, before the same hand rested on the old wooden pump. "People used to bring in their bottles and they would fill them with vinegar or what have you. I remember as kids we used to try to drink the vinegar - awful stuff."

A flip through the account books from 1890 still have clearly legible family names and lists of what they purchased. Eight pounds of sugar went for 50 cents; two gallons of coal oil also cost 50 cents. The cure-all of the day called Electric Oil went for 25 cents.

It was the pictures, though, that people were most interested in. Barr has photos of Great Aunt Elizabeth Hare playing the violin for community dances, a shot of his grandmother Emma Barr and her friend in their youth sitting on barrels of gasoline while chatting, and then there is Barr's collection of pictures of horseshoe tournaments at the community centre from about 1985 to the present.

It is not just Barr's family in all of the pictures. One of the paintings features Bert Madill arriving at the train station in his 1929 Chev, with a cream can strapped to the back of the car that he was shipping to a creamery. Bev Kraulis is a member of the Madill clan, seven generations of which have lived in Gooderham. She and her husband Olaf Kraulis have retired from Toronto to Gooderham and now live in the first house her parents had built.

"I find it incredible that someone kept all of this stuff. I so appreciate it," says Bev. "We used to come up here on weekends when I was a child and I can remember some of these people, the buildings. Seeing them now like this is almost like getting a glimpse of a dream again."

Her favourite piece in Barr's collection is a newspaper series done on a legendary ball team in Gooderham. Barr says a team from Lindsay came up to play the backwoods boys and confidently thought they would walk away the winners until the Gooderham lads showed them just what they were made of back in 1934. Smiling back from the still crisp black and white photo is Bev's dad.

"He used to talk about a member of that team who was blind but I never knew how that man was blinded or what happened. But the whole history is here. We still have dad's uniform; he was 16 then, it's the only one left. The rest were stored in a building that was wrecked by a storm and lost. Seeing all this makes it come alive," she says.

Olaf thought it was interesting to learn that one of the Gooderham team's advantages was that they made their own special bats out of willow because it was better for hitting hard balls.

Barr says he has not yet thought about where or how his collection might be permanently housed: He says every time he goes through the pictures he sees one that he does not remember seeing before and another piece of history slots into place.



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The Highland Storm C.R.S./Rodco Enterprise Midget A.E.s have advanced to the OMHA all-Ontario finals.

They won Friday night in Haliburton against Almaguin to sweep the series three games to none.

This is the team's third series sweep en route to the finals.

This team can do it all, and it is getting done by: Goalies J.D. Crowe and Jordan Collins; Defence Adam Gough "A", Billy Kulas "A", Matt Clements "A", Todd Simms, and John Murray who plays D/F; Forwards Chase Thurston, Jesse Tallman, Robert Chapman, Josh Townsend, Adam DeCarlo, Max Ambridge "C", Devin Hunter, Kenton Winn, and Andy Donaldson, A.P.

The coaching staff is coach Jim Winn, assistant coach Tony DeCarlo, manager Gary Clements, assistant coach and trainer Brian Gallagher and assistant trainer Corry Simms.

The location and times of the finals unknown but the Storm will start the series next weekend against the South Huron Sabres. That is northwest of London on the shores of Lake Huron in the town of Exeter.

OMHA Atoms blast their way to all-Ontario finals

On Saturday, March 4 the Highland Storm Atoms rolled in to Tavistock on a beautiful sunny day. The anticipation was high as scouting reports had the Titans as a very good defensive hockey team. The reports turned out to be bang on as the hometown Titans smothered the Storm attack, squeaking out a 2-1 victory in the first game of a best three of five series. It was back to the hotel for the Storm

gang to have a swim, some pop and a regrouping.

For Sunday's game, coaching staff was dismayed to find out that defenceman Mike Nelson would not be in the line up as he had the flu. With forwards Jordan Howe and Tanner Ballantyne already playing sick, things didn't look good for the Storm. Storm coaching staff asked their team to dig deep in their efforts as this game could turn the series around.

The boys went to the well in this one with their grittiest game of the year, beating the Titans 3-1 on the scoreboard and physically dominating the play.

On March 10 the Tavistock Titans made the trek to Haliburton for Game 3 of the series. The physical play carried right over into this contest with both teams engaging. The game was scoreless after two periods. Both goalies were on their game.

Early in the third the Titans scored on a fluke redirect. This tally seemed to give the Storm a shot in the arm as they came back with two quick goals to take the lead and when the Titans pulled their goalie for an extra attacker Jordan Howe sealed the deal with an empty netter.

The game's first star went to Storm tender Mitch "the Moose" Byers who made some beauty saves keeping his team alive.

On Saturday, the action switched venues to the S.G Nesbitt Arena in Minden for game 4. With a 2-1 game lead in the series the Storm was determined to end

Tavistock's playoff run here. A Storm loss would mean a trip back to Tavistock on Sunday.

This game was a penalty-filled affair with the Storm taking a 5-2 lead in the opening period. Both teams traded goals in the second period making it 6-3 for the Storm. In a scoreless third tempers flared as the game wound down. When the buzzer went the Storm had won the game and the series. The teams shook hands at center ice like good sportsman should.

This series win for the Highland Storm Atoms has put them in the all-Ontario OMHA championship finals against Dresden.

The Game 4 victory was sweet but it came at a price as Storm sniper Nicky Hunter will miss the first two games of the championship series do to a major penalty. All the fans who witnessed the open ice bodycheck said that it was a clean check and the opposing player was looking at his toes.

The mighty Storm Atoms - Mitch, Zach, Drew, Tanner B., Tanner H., Nicky, Donny, Jordan, Kris, Stewart, Taylor and Jacob - would like to thank their team sponsors M.W Hunter Ltd and Bancroft Community Marketplace for their support.

Also they would like to thank Jake Sisson from the farm team for filling in for Ben Hicks who was away snowboarding in Whistler, B.C., training for the 2010 Winter Olympics. They would also like to Jordan Hamilton for being ready to

fill in in case the Atoms' goalie went down. Check the local papers, the Canoe and Moose radio stations for upcoming playoff games.

Congratulations to our Midget AE team for advancing to the all-Ontario finals also. Finally thanks to our fans for supporting us this past week-end it was a great turn out.



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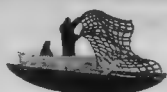
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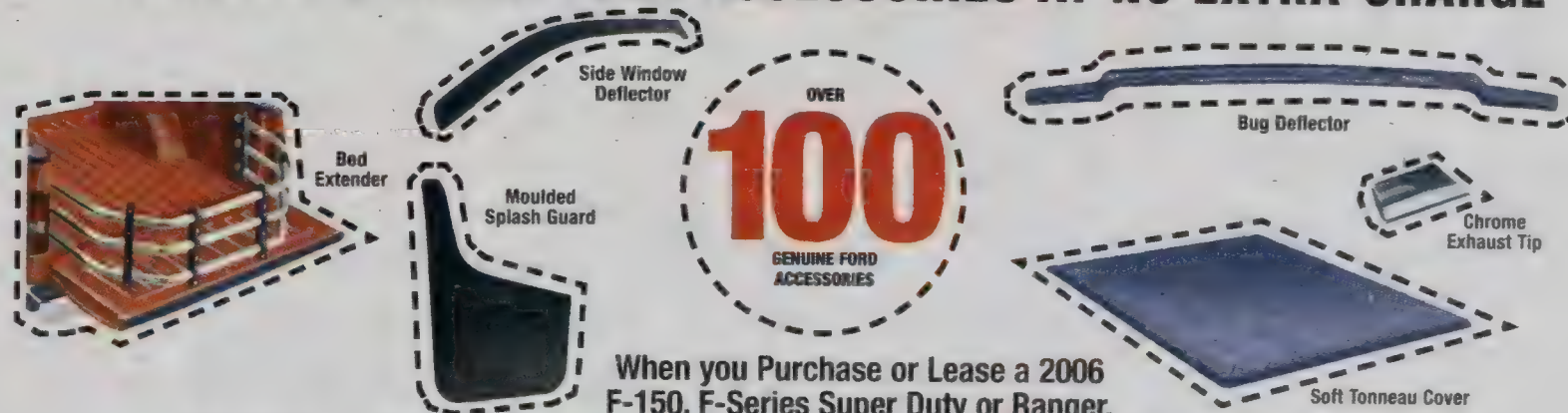
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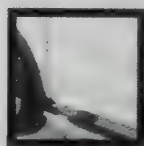
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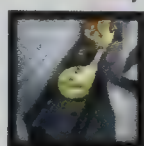
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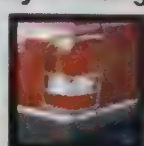
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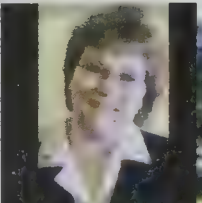


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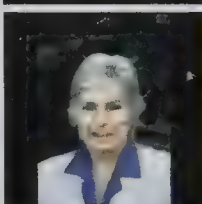
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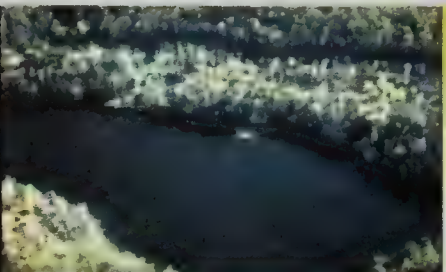
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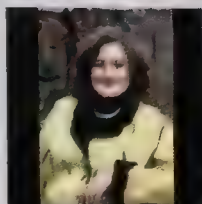


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This latest round had the team pitted against the Lakefield Chiefs. The first game was in Lakefield. It was a great offensive game with a final score of 8-6 Chiefs. Storm goals went to Tyler Barry with three, Nathan Feir two, and Jacob Sisson one, and helpers to Connor Dollo, Megan Allore, Christopher Hall, Tyler, Nate and Jacob.

Hoping to put their game faces back on, the Storm met the Chiefs in Minden for Game 2. But Lakefield had more game in them than the home team with the Storm finding themselves on the short end of a 5-1 score. The lone goal was a beautiful point shot from Megan assisted by Kirk Lopez and Jacob.

Sunday saw the drive back to Lakefield for Game 3. The Storm now knew that

they had to bring their 'A' game if they were to be competitive with this team.

By mid-game the visitors found themselves down by three but found some of that winning pride that fans have seen all season and rallied back to tie the game. From there the game remained within a goal but the Chiefs would sport a 7-5 victory with an empty-net goal in the dying seconds of the game.

Goals in this game went to Spencer Trueman, Jacob, Tyler, Nate, and Chris and assists to Tom Paul, Connor, Nate and Chris. Throughout this series Jordan Hamilton kept our team close by his stellar goaltending, being the player that the team could count on to play strongly. Riley Tait showed his muscle along the boards and didn't back down from a puck scramble.

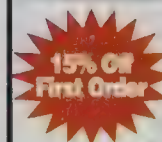
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"I'll field this one, Chief," I answered, quick as a whip. I turned to Bryn. "The difference is that there's an 'al' in the middle of one of them."

At that, Perkins proceeded to slap her forehead several times.

"Why is she doing that?" Weese asked uncomfortably.

"That's how hard-nosed editors applaud intellectual brilliance," I surmised. "Not to brag, but I've caused her to do that hundreds of times."

Embarrassed by the accolades, I promptly left.

Weese caught up with me minutes later. "Perkins insists that we do our best to make them feel at home, too. But how?"

"Simple," I replied, "let's learn a little about their culture. You go to the library and look up a few pertinent facts about their country while I buy the minnows."

Less than an hour later, Weese and I were standing on the frozen surface of a nearby lake as 13-year-old Carson MacDonald and his father Randy approached cautiously.

I readjusted my lederhosen, straightened my Alpine cap, and asked Bryn, "You did look up Australia right?"

Weese avoided eye contact.

Not long after we were back on the ice with Carson and Randy, this time minus the schnitzel and shorts. Unfortunately, we couldn't find a single live koala bear or kangaroo in town and, as a result, we were going to have to rely solely on charm, wit and cultural sensitivity.



When Carson MacDonald and his family moved to Haliburton for eight months, one of his goals was to go ice fishing. Little did he know he'd be teamed up with our Big Fish Boys, who practised their Australian on him.

"Sorry... to... have... kept... you... waiting... mates," I said slowly while enunciating each word. I would have spoken quicker but it was difficult flipping through the pages of my Australian-Canadian dictionary while wearing gloves.

"Perkins told us to expect as much," Carson said in perfect English. "Tell me, why does she slap her head every time someone mentions your name?"

"You'll see," I said.

"I think we already have," Randy piped in.

Though I tried not to let this overt compliment get to me, I was blushing by the time Randy explained that he and his family were visiting Canada for six months and that ice fishing was high on the list of things that Carson wanted to do before returning home. It's not that they didn't have ice fishing in Australia; it's just that the ice really sucked.

Perkins first met the family while doing a feature story on them and when Carson brought up the subject of never having caught a fish through the ice, she naturally thought of us.

Soon I was showing young Carson everything I knew about ice fishing.

"Do you understand how this works now?" I asked patiently.

"Yes," he replied smiling.

"Okay, now you try it."

"Are you sure?" he asked shyly. "Do you think I'm ready?"

I nodded.

"Okay then. Drill the eighth hole over there, Bryn," he yelled excitedly. "And put some back muscle into it this time!"

The kid was a natural.

Before long, I had also showed him the best way to persuade a fishing buddy to set your lines and bait your hooks. And Carson learned so quickly that I didn't feel it too soon to teach him the correct way of

asking someone to bring over a warm beverage and snack, too.

"Ice fishing sure is exhausting," he said while we sipped hot cocoa and watched Bryn and his father race from hole to hole, with ladles in hand, to ensure that they didn't freeze over.

"Check the far one, too," I yelled.

"Hurry, Dad," Carson added. "Time is money."

When all four set lines were in place and operational, I decided to instruct Carson on the fine art of jigging.

"Bryn show Carson how to jig," I began.

Weese immediately began some sort of interpretive folk dance brought over from Wales. It was an interesting one that told the story of a librarian who developed a hernia carrying a Welsh dictionary.

"Does he need to go to the washroom?" Carson asked.

I wasn't entirely sure so I picked up a jigging rod, tied on a reliable ice fishing spoon, and showed the kid how it was done.

"Jigging is very complex," I began, "but for the most part you lower the lure to the lake bottom, tighten up line, and then bounce it up and down. Sometimes, out of sheer boredom, fish attack the lure and chomp down on the hooks. This is how we know that they are not very smart."

I handed him the rod and said, "Now copy everything I did."

Before long Carson was jigging like an old pro.

Just then four people began walking towards us.

"Bryn, Randy, stop dancing," I ordered. "You're attracting a crowd."

Carson, being a teenager, merely shook his head, sunk further into his coat, and disavowed all knowledge of us as the group got closer.

In one of those rare coincidences, however, it turned out that our visitors were tourists from Switzerland, the very same place where I keep my amassed family fortune. Though, like all Swiss people they were too polite to say it, they had obviously recognized me from my former career as an international yodeler and were eager to bask in my celebrity.

The funny thing is they, too, had never ice fished and so, in a moment of international diplomacy, we handed the father a ladle and the son a wriggling chub.

Weese, eager to show off his worldliness, soon began

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'Carson began recounting his two epic battles with substandard lake trout in a way that would have made Herman Melville proud.'



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conversing with the mother in her own language. Of course, it had been a while since he had utilized his conversational Swiss so the exchange went something like this:

Weese: Dear woman, have you ever seen a river otter drink Kool Aid?

Swiss woman: What?

Weese: Why thank you, yes my fishnet stockings are indeed attractive to farsighted zebras. I keep them in the refrigerator. And I'm proud to say that once I stuffed several ball bearings in my nostrils!

Swiss woman: Father, gather the children. We must be going now!

Weese: Ricola! Ricola!

Meanwhile, the father, a very correct Swiss gentleman, told Randy that he had almost accepted a job in the same Australian city where Randy lives.

"I was interviewed in the building where Nestle keeps its Australian corporate headquarters," he elaborated.

"Funny, I work in that building, too!" Randy said.

"Had I accepted the job, I would have worked in the third office down the hall on the fourth floor," said the Swiss man.

"I work in the next office over," Randy replied. "We would have been neighbours. Hey talk about a coincidence, huh?"

"You call that a coincidence?" I said. "Once Bryn and I used the same excuse to explain why we missed a deadline!"

"The dog ate our assignments," Weese recounted. "What are the odds, huh?"

By this time, the Swiss woman had gathered her family and they were hightailing it back to shore.

Weese yelled a parting remark, which roughly translated to: May a constipated parrot learn to upholster your family heirlooms!

That was the last we saw of them.

"It sure felt good to exercise my linguistic ability," Weese said.

I didn't have the heart to tell him.

Up till this point, it should be noted, we had not

caught a single fish. I felt good about this since the assignment was to show Carson what ice fishing was really like. But, just as I began to feel smug about actually succeeding, a fish went and ruined it all by taking Carson's bait.

In our defence, it wasn't a good fish. In fact, it was just small enough to discourage a further interest in ice fishing. Unfortunately, shortly thereafter, another even smaller one struck, and Carson brought it up, too.

"So there really are fish under there, huh?" he muttered after we released this one, too.

"Oh no," Weese lamented, "he's got just enough material to build a fish story with."

I turned to Randy and tried to apologize.

"But Perkins guaranteed that we wouldn't catch fish," he whispered, while barely holding back the tears. "And here Carson went and caught two."

"I'm truly sorry," I said. "This has never happened to us before."

Meanwhile Carson began recounting his two epic battles with substandard lake trout in a way that would have made Herman Melville proud.

"Dear God, it's begun already," Randy lamented. "Do you know how long a flight it is back to Australia?"

I felt bad for him, but it wasn't our fault. We didn't do anything different than normal.

Later that day, back at the Echo, Perkins asked how the trip went.

"Unfortunately chief, Carson caught some fish," I confessed.

"You mean?"

"That's right, he's now hooked on ice fishing."

"But, but, but.... I was told you guys never catch fish. Oh, what have I done to that poor boy and his family?"

"Oh he'll be all right," said Weese. "In fact, once he gets back to Austria, I guarantee he'll forget all about it."

At that, Perkins proceeded to slap her forehead several times.

Embarrassed by the accolades, we promptly left.

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HHSS boys are Ontario's best snowboarders

Girls get third;
Julie Johnston places
second as individual

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' snowboarding team beat 24 other schools March 7 to bring home the school's first-ever provincial team championship.

The girls placed third, led by second-ranked Julie Johnston.

"It was a great day," said Scott Fennell, a Grade 12 student who placed sixth in individual competition at Beaver Valley Ski Club in Markdale. "For a little town, it's great that we can go out and win something like this. I hope this helps people say it's a great sport, and they'll get into it and continue our team's legacy for the next couple years."

Fennell joined boarders Joe Gallagher (ranked 4th) and Jared Mills (17th) to earn 27 points for the best team score; Cory LeBlanc and Jeff Brand placed 73rd and 92nd respectively out of 131 racers.

The girls' team combined for 71 points; Jen Cumming, Christianna Walker and Alysha Costain placed 22nd, 47th and 65th out of 100 racers.

Snowboarding is not yet an official OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) sport, but the provincial championships were sanctioned by the organization. Both teams competed in the giant slalom event, which involves individual racers navigating flags in the best time.

HHSS principal Gary Brohman was quite impressed by the win.

"We've never won an OFSAA team championship," Brohman said. "It's very difficult to win at any level, but when you take it up the notch to the provincial level, you have to be that much better. To win at that level is a pretty prestigious honour. It's basically a W-O-W exclamation point."

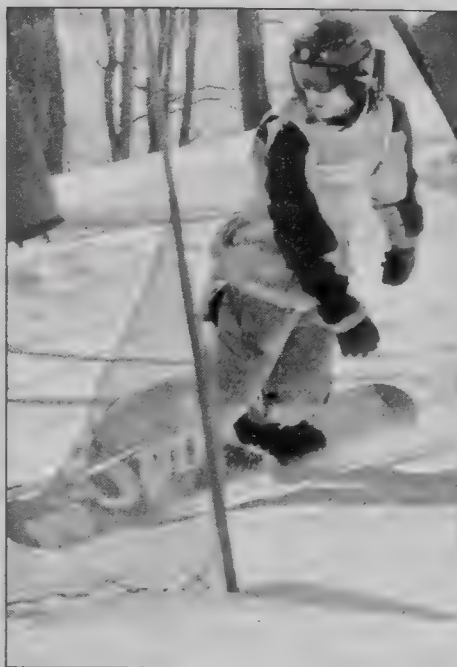
Coaches Dave Chambers and Christie Chester are pretty happy, too.

"It's great," Chambers said. "I feel amazing for the kids and the sport that it could gain momentum because it's still very new at the school. Winning a championship makes sure the program stays around longer; it's hard to get rid of a winning program."

"So many coaches and students from other schools were looking at the results board and asking, 'Where's Haliburton?'" Chester added. "So it's nice to put Haliburton on the map."

The win brings attention to a marginalized sport, which has gained mainstream popularity thanks to the success of Canadian Olympians.

"I think it's great that we did such a good job," said Fennell. "Some people think snowboarders are just a bunch of



Joe Gallagher's strong finish - he came fourth - helped the Haliburton team win their first provincial team title.

punk kids, but for us snowboarders, it's what we do."

He thinks the team has an advantage over larger centres when it comes to being able to train for such events. The second and third ranked boys' teams were from Lindsay and Fenelon Falls respectively; girls from those schools finished 4th and 5th behind HHSS.

"In Toronto, they don't have a lot of ski hills around them, so for us, it's an advantage to have Sir Sam's (where the team trains) close by."

The Echo spoke with Julie Johnston by phone from Calgary, where she was



Jared Mills came 17th in the provincial competition held in Beaver Valley. Photos by Josh Vlaming.

competing with the provincial team. Johnston's goal is to represent Canada at the 2014 Olympic Games in boardercross, a four-person race. Canadian women placed 3rd and 4th in the event at Torino. Johnston uses her work with the school team to sharpen her skills.

"It broadens my own horizons for snowboarding because GS (giant slalom) is different than SBX (snowboard cross). Sometimes in the SBX, the course is a bit of GS. Anything you do, freestyling, SBX, whatever, can help you in all the different disciplines."

The coaches believe the team's success at the provincial championships, and the leadership of a successful athlete like Johnston, can only mean good things for the future of the team.

"(The younger team members) think Julie's the coolest," Chambers said. "With this sport, you can have mentors who are older on the same team. We hope more girls get involved. The future looks very strong because there are many strong (male and female) junior riders."

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Valerie Smith
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It was with infinite pleasure this past week I was finally able to throw open the windows wide and let the fresh air and sunlight light rush in. As I gazed out the doorway at the changing scenery, I watched mesmerized as a droplet of water hung suspended in time from the edge of the steel roof. It finally let go and disappeared out of sight into the melting snow below. As the little droplets continued to

fall they constantly reduced the depth of snow and I thought in 2006's wintry heart there is a quivering spring just waiting around the corner ready to reawaken with radiance and vitality.

Just like the little water droplets, people can discover the limits of the possible by tackling the impossible. This week I had the opportunity of hearing a number of young students from Cardiff E.S. overcome their fears and speak out in their 2006 Public Speaking Contest.

Student Leah Pauze did an excellent job introducing the young contestants. Cameron Rowley, Dakota Luff Bourque, Cassandra Shannick, Alissa Minnie and Connor Henderson performed well-dra-

matized retells of their favourite stories. Grade 6 Courtney Hurst did an outstanding speech on *Being the Youngest* while Grade 5 student Caitlin Shannick did very well with her speech on *My Big Family*. Both speeches were filled with evidence of the importance and value of family. Grade five Jacob Rowley's love for his *Dog Lucy* was very apparent through out his speech. Just superb! Grade 4 student Kris Middag was well versed on his subject and did a first rate job bringing us up to speed on his favourite topic, *Snowboarding*. Jennifer Covert's terrific speech on *Friends* was clear on the worth and significance of friends. I particularly enjoyed her explanation that friends can be a beacon of light whether

lifetime friends, class friends or e-mail friends. They are someone to depend on and trust. Grade 7 student Ryan Hilts was natural as he delivered his dazzling speech on *Being the Oldest*. It was evident it was a role he personally enjoyed in his daily life. Natasha Hurst laid it on thick in her speech on being *Daddy's Little Girl* and how to manipulate your Daddy. She claimed she could pull out the greatest acting skills to succeed and was more than willing to share hints and tips on how to get her own way in her *Daddy's Little Girl Rule Book*. Awesome job.

And who were the winners? Just as I indicated last week, I feel that each child won. All the students did an excellent job and were an inspiration for their fellow peers. Congratulations to each participant. A big thanks is extended to all the staff who helped the students perfect their public speaking skills.

Kudos to Jake Meharrie and Nicki Sleeper who led the stretch break.

Special thanks is extended to the judges: community volunteer, Sharon McKenzie; teacher on leave, Mrs. Bowker; Fire Chief Bill Foote; and me as the county's school board trustee. Thanks are also extended to scrutinizers Chantel Thomas and Laurie Baker and timekeeper Ethel Galloway. A special and hearty thank you is extended to Darlene Thomas of the Cardiff Royal Canadian Legion. It was through the efforts and support of the Cardiff Legion Branch that this special event was possible.

Always keep in mind that the difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination and, as the Irish say, "You will never plough a field by turning it over in your mind." For this upcoming St. Paddy's Day, may you enjoy some bubble and squeak, chicken and leek pie and corn beef, topped off with a fine Irish coffee. Also, *May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and may the rains fall soft upon your field.* Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

If you have an item of interest to share and you wish to submit it for the next feature of the Harcourt and Community News, please email vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 705-448-3640.

Upcoming events for the Harcourt community centre:

March 15: bingo Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

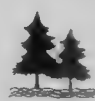
March 16: progressive euchre Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.



Never say never, right Max?

Max retrieves a stick for his owner, Pat Hisey, at Head Lake Park Sunday. After her previous dog died, Hisey and her husband swore they'd never get another. Then they rescued Max, and they're happy they did. Photo, Casey Lessard.

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A veil of fog shrouded the hills surrounding Haliburton Thursday. The mist, however, didn't make it low enough to smother the plane monument near Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Photo, Casey Lessard.

Legion ladies serve 70 folks at successful Sunday brunch

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Wilberforce Legion President Dave Burton and Sgt. At Arms Len Crawford presented ribbons and certificates to winners of the Legion's public speaking contest.

The Legion Sunday brunch was another great success. The ladies served up breakfast to more than 70 people on Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Kudos to all the hard working ladies who have made the Sunday brunches something to look forward to each month. Next brunch will be held on April 9.

Last Wednesday Legion Branch President Dave Burton, Youth and Education Officer Bonnie Jessup, Sgt. At Arms Len Crawford and Trillium Lakelands District School Board Trustee Valerie Smith presented the awards for the Wilberforce Elementary School's public speaking competition sponsored by our branch.

Winners for Grades 1-3 were: first place Patricia Savard, Grade 3, who spoke on *Facts on Cats and Kittens*; second place Tyler Casey, Grade 3, who told us about his *Dog Buddy*; and third place Tyler Mathna, Grade 2, who spoke about *Back in Time*.

Winners for Grades 4-6 were: first place Christina Berning, Grade 5, who spoke about *Monarch Butterflies and How They Grow*; second place Samantha Vanier, Grade 5, who spoke on *Bullying*; and third place Nicki Wingrove, Grade 6, who spoke about her favourite colour, *The Colour Pink*. Great

job. Our prayers for a speedy recovery go out to Jim Burke who remains in the regional hospital in Peterborough, Hutchinson Wing, Room 214, 705-743-2121. Get well soon.

There are many great upcoming events:
March 18: 9 p.m., dance with music by DJ Dale Allison.

March 21: 7 p.m., Branch 624 general meeting.

April 1: 9 p.m., karaoke (always the first Saturday of every month).

April 7: 7 p.m., pot luck supper (always the first Friday of month).

April 7: 9 p.m., jam night (always the first Friday of month).

April 9: 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday brunch (always the second Sunday of the month).

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Dart Night is every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. This is a fun night out and joining a team is not necessary. Just come out and enjoy!

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Approved 2006/2007 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has approved the 2006/2007 annual work schedule for the Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit.

The annual work schedule describes forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007.

For further information about tree planting jobs on the management unit, please contact the Area Forester, Algonquin Forestry Authority, Pembroke Office (see address below).

The annual work schedule, and all subsequent revisions, will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one-year term at the addresses below.

A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, and information regarding the annual work schedule, can be obtained by contacting the Algonquin Forestry Authority, or the ministry at the addresses below:

Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F.
Ministry of Natural Resources
Algonquin Office
31 Riverside Drive
Pembroke, ON K8A 8R6
Tel.: 613-732-5550

Gord Cumming, R.P.F.
Algonquin Forestry Authority
Huntsville Office
222 Main Street
Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y1
Tel.: 705-789-9647, ext. 30

Bob Pick, R.P.F.
Algonquin Forestry Authority
Pembroke Office
West 84 Isabella Street
Pembroke, ON K8A 5S5
Tel.: 613-735-0173, ext. 223

Renseignements en français : (613) 732-3661 ou (613) 637-2780, poste 353.



MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL REQUIRES A BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking an individual for the full time position of Building Inspector. Reporting to the Chief Building Official/Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, the successful candidate will be responsible for assisting the Chief Building Official/Municipal Law Enforcement Officer with the operations of the Building Department.

The successful applicant must have the required certificate for General Legal/Process and House or Small Buildings by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing or have obtained this certification by June 1st, 2006 to maintain employment.

A detailed job description is available upon request.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and is currently under review.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume outlining salary expectations to the undersigned by noon on Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 389
HALIBURTON, Ontario
K0M 1S0

Attention: Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
Phone: (705) 457-1710
Fax: (705) 457-1964
Email: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

All dogs are required by law to be tagged. The fee for each licence/tag is \$10.00

**2006 dog licences and tags are now available at
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Further take notice that charges may be laid at any time for any dog not licensed and tagged, according to law.

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Gary Heads, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer



The Municipality of Dysart et al

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION: Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier owner's or anyone who owns a dog with the appearance and physical characteristics of a Pit Bull.

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For more information please contact the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Office in Haliburton. (705) 457-1740 Municipal Office.

GARY HEADS - MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



NOTICE (Applicant - HOYLE)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of Lot 15, Concession 14, designated as Road Allowance on-Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 7062 and Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 15, Concession 14, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated September 12, 2005. (Part 4 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey, as referred to above, is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 14th day of March, 2006.

IRENE S. COOK, AMCT
CLERK/CEMC
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Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Health Unit is offering the following:

What: supermarket tours in Haliburton County.

When: Thursday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m. in Minden; Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m. in Haliburton village.

Why: join Registered Dietitian Rosie

Kadwell as she takes participants on a tour of a local grocery store. Kadwell will show people how to read food labels, understand nutrition claims and make healthier food choices when they go grocery shopping. Free nutrition resources will also be available.

To sign up: please register in advance for this free tour by calling the local Health Unit office at 457-1391, ext. 245.

"The supermarket tour is ideal for anyone who wants to make the most of their supermarket shopping experience," says Kadwell. "That's especially true when the choices you make in the grocery store affect whether you and your family are eating healthy."

The Supermarket Tour is being held as part of nutrition month activities taking place in March.

CAREER & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL REQUIRES A FULL TIME EQUIPMENT OPERATOR – ROADS DEPARTMENT

Duties include general labourer responsibilities for roads maintenance purposes. Minimum of a D driver's licence with "Z" endorsement is required. Previous snowplow operator experience and heavy equipment operator experience is required. Employment is to commence as soon as possible. Rate of pay will be pursuant to the CUPE Local 2142 collective agreement.

A job description is available upon request.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume to the undersigned by noon on Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Now to Mar. 24:** Hospital Auxiliary will hold a used book sale at the Bank of Montreal. Lots of good reading.
- **Mar. 14:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Sears.
- **Mar. 15:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Emmerson Lumber.
- **Mar. 16:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar. 16:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Village Chalet Restaurant.
- **Mar. 16:** Haliburton, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Food Handler Course, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301). Course teaches participants on proper ways to handle and prepare food safely. Cost \$20./person. Call (705) 457-1391.
- **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Luncheon - March 17, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fund raiser for Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. New Menu: Steak pie, salad, dinner buns, dessert. Entertainment: Kathleen Owens & Earl Cooper. Fee payable at the door. For further information call 457-3030.
- **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Beef Stew & Biscuit Dinner - Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Fri. from 5-7 p.m. Stew, Biscuits, Cole Slaw, Irish Deserts. Advance tickets available at the Minden Pharmasave. Call 457-1424 for cost and info. Tickets also available at the door.
- **Mar. 17:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Easton's Valu-Mart.
- **Mar. 18:** Open Stage - The Haliburton County Folk Society hosts an Open Stage for the community the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. 8-11 p.m. at the York St. Internet Cafe in Haliburton (across from the Rail's End Gallery). This is an all-ages, smoke and alcohol free event. Please contact 754-FOLK (3655) or hcfssociety@gmail.com for more cost and info. Website at: www.haliburtonfolk.com.
- **Mar. 19:** at Minden United Church, we will hold another in our series of Equality Forum sessions. Our guest speaker will be Annie Merrill from "Victim Services". Please join us from 2-4 p.m. at 21 Newcastle St., Minden. For information check out www.victim-services.org
- **Mar. 19:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Subway Development.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** - Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Community Care Haliburton County** - If you need assistance with household chores - both inside and outside the home - please ask about our brokered worker program for Home Help and Home Maintenance. All our workers have been screened and pre-approved by our office. They offer low-cost service to seniors and disabled adults throughout Haliburton County. Call 457-2941.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **McKee's Place** - Homework Club meets every Tues. at 4 - 6:30 p.m. All grades, all subjects. Phone Karen Frybort or Heather Taylor at 457-3443. The Homework Club emerged from a group of students working part-time at McKee's Place. Our Philosophy has always been "schoolwork comes ahead of a part-time job". As an employer that invests in our youth, we decided as management that we would assist the kids with their homework and allow them to complete their academic requirements as well as hold a part-time job, encouraging their financial independence and furthering their skills in the F & B Industry. It's a win/win situation. We will be looking for monthly sponsors for the club to offset costs of after-school snacks ... they are all hungry upon arrival from school, and healthy nutrition is just another aspect of the program.
- **Every Monday:** Family Supper Night will be held at Minden United Church (Newcastle St.) for families with preschool and school-aged children. Come anytime after 3:30 prepared to help with supper preparation, childcare or cleanup. Call Amanda Austin 286-3592 by 9 a.m. Monday morning if you plan to attend, or call for cost and details.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Bruce Gibbs honoured for dedicated service to St. Margaret's

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2011

Bruce Gibbs, who at 90 years of age leads a very active life, was honoured on Sun., March 5, by St. Margaret's Anglican Church for his long and dedicated service.

Stan Beard spoke of the 50 years that Bruce has been part of the church. He expressed how deeply appreciated and greatly respected Bruce is by the members.

Bruce was presented with a fine framed citation by Peoples' Warden Sandra Bramham. Sandra read to Bruce the text which testifies to his years of service.

Bruce has served as warden, sidesperson, and property manager. He has played a part in everything from major renovations and day-to-day maintenance of the church and rectory to snow shovelling and cutting the grass. His annual yard sales have been great fundraisers. Bruce has generously shared floral bouquets from his wonderful gardens.

And all this because of his dedication to his church where he has worshipped God faithfully for many years.

A copy of the framed citation has been placed in the church. Thanks so much, Bruce.

Best wishes to the children and the staff of the Wilberforce School for a restful, safe, fun vacation during March Break.

What a good experience it was for members of the Loop Troupe to present *Funeral Tea* and *Sports Legend* at the Highland Grove rec centre. We know Joanne Burroughs and all the Highland Heritage Committee were pleased with the good crowds that supported the performance on both Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12.

The Troupe was pleased to hear some good laughs as Elsie Lewis, Gerda Goverde, Marg Jeske, Shirley Riley and Hilda Clark dealt with Uncle Jacob's "dust and ashes," a missing floral wreath and a locked-up "tea jar." Some amusing moments occurred as motor-mouthed "sports legend" Dan Linkert tried to guess why the coach, Hilda Clark, had called him into her office. Was it the booze? The drugs? The hooker? The gambling? The fight in the bar?

On Saturday night, the audience was delighted by an improv group of youths from Highland Grove and Bancroft who added greatly to the program with their presentation of some interesting numbers.

This successful fundraiser for the restoration of the old log Cheddar schoolhouse ended Sunday afternoon with some super music by the group Northern

Jam. They sang and played a fine variety of numbers that ranged from *Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy* to *Candy Kisses*.

This group has a connection with Highland Grove now that band member Bill Rennie, guitar player, lives there. He was joined by Al Blanchard (guitar, vocals), Neil Howe (guitar, vocals), Julie Chambers (vocals, guitar), Marilyn Giles (drums, vocals), Ron Sedley (vocals), Audrey Sedley (keyboard) and Ted Scholtes (sound man, guitar). You can tell they love to play and sing. They make it seem so effortless. They frequently get together to "jam."

Thanks so much to them for sharing their talents. It was a great ending to a very good event. Even the refreshments were super and well enjoyed.

New Minden location pleases business owner

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2288

Charlene Wrightman's new place of business is noted: the corner of Hwy. 35 and the Bobcaygeon Road which, translated, means the turn-off onto Minden's main street. By the huge grin on her face in last week's *Echo* we gather that Charlene's really pleased with the move.

This is once again stretching into Stanhope for news, but is of interest to us who have had the sad news of Tom Journeaux's passing so suddenly a few days ago. Such a grief to Michele, his wife, and dear young Kala, his daughter, as well as Diana Johnson, Michele's mother. Our hearts are sad for them and for Tom's parents on Redkin Drive as they face this great loss in their lives.

Please give me a call at 754-2278 to let readers of this column know of your guests during March break, or your travels away during that time.

Here, we have had a nephew of mine from Barrie, Scott Campbell and family, and my sister, June Campbell. That's all you need to tell me, just who and from where. We expect more company next week.

Kathleen Nickell, granddaughter of Joy and Don Nickell, has been spending some time with her grandparents. Kathleen has achieved two Honours and three Excellent's for dance recently. At the tender age of eight, she has already been dancing for five years as she studies with the Meyer-Hoffer Academy of Dance in Cambridge, Ontario.



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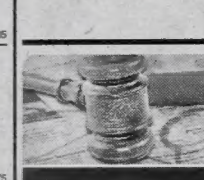
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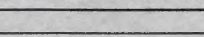
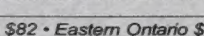
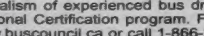
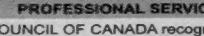
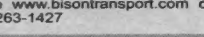
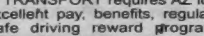
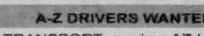
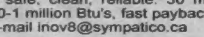
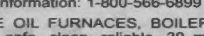
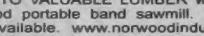
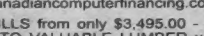
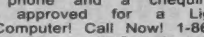
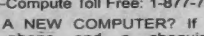
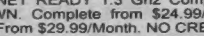
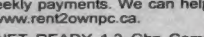
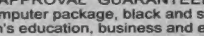
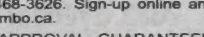
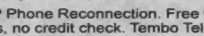
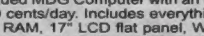
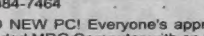
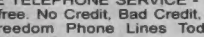
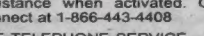
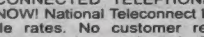
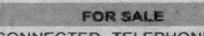
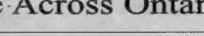
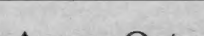
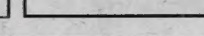
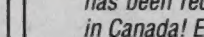
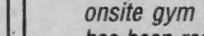
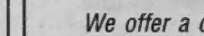
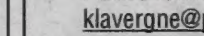
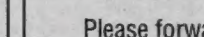
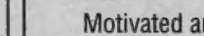
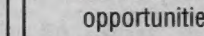
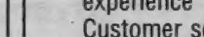
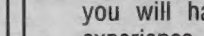
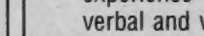
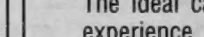
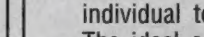
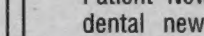
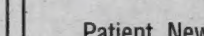
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Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre**Coming Events** A940

Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Join us for a presentation on "Beavers in Your Backyard" by Mary Anne Barkhouse Thursday, March 23, 2006 Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m. 10077706

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary St Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 17 at The Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Cost \$ 6.00 for adults \$3.50 for children. For further information Call 457-3030. 10089380

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A heart felt thank you to our many friends in
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have done for us and other families in the
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Jim and Norha McGee

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS!!
After 13 years of working at, then managing
the Bonnieview Inn - we took the big step
of purchasing the inn December 1st, 2005. So
many of you have supported us in many dif-
ferent ways and we want you to know how
much we appreciate this support, your good
wishes and congratulatory gifts!! **THANK
YOU!!** It is an exciting time for us, made
even nicer with friends like you!!
Sincerely, Andrea Hagarty and Monte Miscio

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**THANK YOU to everyone who helped with
the 4th annual Bobby Craftchick Rig N' Jig
Memorial fishing derby a success.**
Rick Craftchick & Shawn Stoughton

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We Wish to express a long over due Thank
you to Haliburton Volunteer Fire department
and in particular Fire Fighter Gord who re-
sponded to our daughters emergency June,
20, 2004. The care and compassion shown
by Gord went far and beyond the call of
duty. We had been assured by the county
that a letter of recognition would be sent to
Gord. As of this date this has not been
done. We wanted to let you know your ef-
forts were appreciated and will never be
forgotten. Always remembered Jim and No-
rah McGee

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Obituaries

BURKE, Arnold Earle "Babe" Peacefully at
the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, March
10, 2006 in his 88th year. Beloved husband
of the late Alice Mary "Dot" Burke. Dear fa-
ther of Julia (Keith Robertson of Haliburton,
Karen (Neil) Gillies, Glenda (Jim) Burk and
Richard (Terry Lynne predeceased).
Loving grandfather of Joshua and Matthew
Burk, Alison and Cameron Robertson,
Travis Burke and Kate Gillies. Predeceased
by Sarah Burk. Great grandfather of Liam
and Hannah. Brother of the late Greta Kel-
lett and Ray Burke. Friends were invited to
visit the Gordon A Monk Funeral Home,
127 Main Street, P.O. Box 427, Minden,
KOM 2K0 (or on line at www.gordonmonk-
funeralhome.com) on Sunday 12 from 2 - 4
p.m.. Then to St. Georges Anglican Church,
Haliburton for Funeral Service on Monday,
March 13, 2006 at 11:00 am. Spring Inter-
ment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.
Memorial Donations to the 4 C's or to the
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated
by the family.

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Hardy, Kenneth Hood- Entered to rest sud-
denly on Monday March 6, 2006 in his 85th
year. Dearly beloved husband of the late
Betty (2004). Dear father of Keith and
his wife Judy of Minden and Eleanor and
her husband Don Redfern of Calgary.
Loving grandpa of Phillip and Anthony Red-
fern. Ken will be missed by his furry friend
Shep. Friends were invited to visit the family
at the Gordon A Monk Funeral Home Ltd.,
127 Main St P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM
2K0 (Or on line at WWW.gordonmonk-
funeralhome.com) on Wednesday from 7:00
until 9:00 p.m.. Funeral Service was held in
our chapel on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at
11:00 am. Spring Interment Evergreen
Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Heart
and Stroke Foundation or to the Charity of
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family.

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Obituaries

Mackenzie, Keith Andrew- Passed away as a
result of an accident in Wanaka, New Zea-
land on Sunday, March 5, 2006 in his 30th
year. Dearly beloved son of Ron and Carol
Mackenzie of Minden and dear brother of
Ian of Ottawa. Loved grandson of Andrew
and Alison Mackenzie of Kemptville, Ontario
and of Doris Moore of Minden. Keith will be
sadly missed by extended family and friends
A celebration of life Memorial Service will be
held at the Gordon A Monk funeral Home
LTD., 127 Main st., P.O. Box 427, Minden
Ontario KOM 2K0 (or on line at WWW.go-
rdonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Friday,
March 10, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.. The family will
receive friends at the Funeral Home from
1:00 p.m. until 2 p.m.. Memorial Donations
to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Charity of
your choice. Keith lived passionately and
left pursuing his dreams."

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STEVENSON, Alexander Ferguson-
Peacefully after a lengthy illness at Highland
Crest Senior Citizens home, Minden on
Tuesday, March 7, 2006 in his 99th year.
Beloved husband of the late Mary Ilda
Besse (Oct 2004). Loving Father of Garry
of Welland and cherished grandfather to
Marianne of Richmond Hill, John (Alexan-
dra) of Berne Switzerland, Jane (Scott)
Fitzpatrick of Brooklin, Ontario, Great
Grandfather of Nigel and Moira of Switzer-
land, Alexandra, Caroline and Aidan of
Brooklin. Friends were invited to visit the
family at The Gordon A. Monk Funeral
Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427,
Minden KOM 2K0 (or on line at www.gorgo-
nmonkfuneralhome.com) on Friday from 2:00
p.m. until 4:00 p.m.. Funeral Service to be
held in our Chapel on Saturday March 11,
2006 at 1:00 p.m.. Spring Interment at Zion
United Church Cemetery. Memorial Dona-
tions to the Minden Hospital Auxiliary or The
Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated
by the family.

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Memorial services

Ross Baldry- Retired Bell Canada Employee
in Niagara Falls and Toronto) At the Sunny-
brook & Women's Health Science Centre in
Toronto On Friday evening, March 3, 2006
in his 78th year. Beloved husband of Marjo-
rie Coombs. Loving father of Catherine &
Lew Constantino, Mary Jane & William
Brennan, James & Sue Baldry. Fondly re-
membered by his grandchildren Matthew,
Jeffrey Jonathan, Jacey, Griffen, Brady,
Crystal & Craig. Predeceased by his par-
ents Arnold & Estelle Baldry of Niagara
Falls. **Visitation and Funeral Service** A pri-
vate Funeral Service was held. As expres-
sions of sympathy donations to the SIRCH
Community Hospice would be appreciated
by the family. Funeral arrangements have
been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COM-
MUNITY FUNERAL HOME** Hwy. # 118,
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communityfuneralhome.com

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In memoriam

Johnson, John- In loving memory of my dear
dad who passed away March 17, 2004.
In tears we saw you sinking. We watched you
fade away. Our hearts were almost broken,
you fought so hard to stay. But when we
saw you sleeping, so peacefully free from
pain, we could not wish you back to suffer
that again. Always loved and forever
remembered by Darleen

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JOHNSON JOHN- In Loving memory of a
dear Dad and Granddad who passed away
March 17, 2004. As angles keep their watch
up there please god, just let him know that
we down here, do not forget we loved him
and miss him. Sadly missed and forever re-
membered Vicky, Rob, Justin and Alyssa

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Wood Patricia Dorthory Ellen
October 5 1931-March 16 2001
In Loving memory of a dear with, mother and
grandmother.
Sadly Missed never forgotten. Forever loved
Wayne, Melinda, Wendy, Nancy and families

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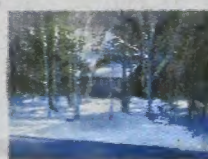
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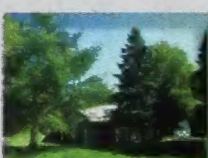


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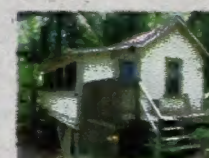
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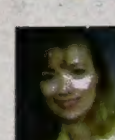
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